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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LUSAKA: MEETING WITH SWAPO
REPRESENTATIVES

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1. DURING MEETING WITH SWAPO REPRESENTATIVES IN LUSAKA EVENING
APRIL 18 (AT WHICH EMBOFF PRESENT) CODEL PERCY SAID HE FELT
IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WHEN VISITING
AFRICA HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SWAPO LEADERS AND HEAR
THEIR VIEWS. SWAPO ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY GAROEB REPLIED
THAT NO SUCH INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED BY SECRETARY TO SWAPO.
WERE ONE TO COME, GAROEB SAID, THERE WOULD NEED TO BE A MEETING
OF SWAPO'S NATIONAL COUNCIL TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO ACCEPT
MEETING WITH SECRETARY. SENATOR ASKED WHETHER SWAPO WOULD
AGREE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY WERE LATTER TO EXTEND INVITATION
TO MEET. GAROEB SAID HE UNABLE MAKE SUCH A COMMITMENT ON BEHALF
OF HIS ORGANIZATION. INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT WERE INVITATION
TO MEET WITH SECRETARY RECEIVED, A DECISION BY SWAPO COULD
PROBABLY BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN ABOUT 24 HOURS. GAROEB NOTED
THAT ALTHOUGH SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA CURRENTLY OUTSIDE
ZAMBIA, HIS VIEWS COULD BE OBTAINED PROMPTLY.

2. GAROEB MENTIONED SWAPO HAS REACHED SORT OF MODUS VIVENDI
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WITH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN IN THAT CALLAGHAN AND

SWAPO AGREE ON SOME MATTERS BUT AGREE TO DISAGREE ON OTHERS.
GAROEK SAID SWAPO WOULD WELCOME "SAME SORT OF RELATIONSHIP"
WITH SECRETARY OF STATE.

3. COMMENT: QUESTION OF POSSIBLE SWAPO CONTACT WITH SECRETARY
IN LUSAKA WAS RAISED WITH SWAPO REPS BY CODEL PERCY WITH
UNDERSTANDING ON BOTH SIDES THAT NOTHING WOULD BE SAID
PUBLICLY UNLESS BOTH SECRETARY AND SWAPO AGREE TO MEETING.
WHILE GAROEK OBVIOUSLY UNABLE COMMIT SWAPO OR NUJOMA TO MEET
WITH SECRETARY IN LUSAKA IN ABSENCE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL
DETERMINATION, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THERE SEEMS REASONABLE
CHANCE THAT SWAPO LEADERS WOULD AGREE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY
WERE HE TO RECONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A MEETING. MEETING
WITH SWAPO IN LUSAKA WOULD BE PLEASING TO ZAMBIANS WHO VERY
MUCH WANT SECRETARY TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF NAMIBIA IN HIS
PROPOSED LUSAKA SPEECH (SEPTEL) ALTHOUGH, AS IN CASE OF
NAMIBIANS, THEY MAY FEEL IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR
ZAMBIANS TO PRESS INDEPENDENT LIBERATION MOVEMENT ONE WAY OR
THE OTHER TO AGREE TO MEET SECRETARY.
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